

Par.1. **Material Transmitted and Purpose** – Transmitted with this Manual Letter are changes to Service Chapter 623-05, Foster Care Maintenance Payments manual. **This manual letter supersedes PIs -- PI-11-16, 11-17, 11-23, and 12-01.**

Updated the payments to facilities.

623-05-20-40. Payment to Foster Care Group Homes, Residential Child Care Facilities

	EFF. DATE	DAILY RATE**
Centre, Inc. 201 S 4 th Street Grand Forks, ND 58208 <u>Closed Effective 12/31/11</u>	04-01-11	(F) 114.20)
Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. (Residential Child Care Facility) Box 5007 Minot, ND 58702-5007 Includes: (Fargo Youth Home) (Does not include Dakota Boys Ranch Assn. PRTF) (Does not include DBR Fargo Safe Home)	01-01-11 <u>10-01-11</u> <u>11-01-11</u> <u>01-01-12</u>	(D) 267.08 (F) <u>268.19</u> (F) <u>274.76</u> (F) <u>302.53</u>
DBR – Fargo Safe Home	01-01-11 <u>10-01-11</u> <u>11-01-11</u> <u>01-01-12</u>	(D) 307.72 (F) <u>325.75</u> (F) <u>326.58</u> (F) <u>443.47</u>
Eckert Youth Homes Box 2291 Williston, ND 58802	07-01-11	(F) 186.85
Harmony House 406 4 th Avenue Devils Lake, ND 58301	01-01-11 <u>01-01-12</u>	(F) 107.53 (D) <u>93.80</u>
Home on the Range 16351 I-94 Sentinel Butte, ND 58654-9500	04-01-11 <u>09-01-11</u>	(F) 202.61 <u>209.09</u>

Deleted the third paragraph regarding availability of excess maintenance payments for foster care children at their 18th birthday.

623-05-30-30. Category 60 – Excess Maintenance Payments (EMP)

~~Excess maintenance payments are not available for children who sign themselves into foster care past their 18th birthday and are attending secondary school. However, if the child is still in high school, EMP's can be considered.~~

Deleted paragraphs 2 and 3 regarding the secondary education of a foster child who become 18.

623-05-35. Education

~~When a foster child becomes 18 and is in high school or technical/vocational school (secondary education), payments for foster care must be continued if, before attaining age 19, such student can reasonably be expected to complete the high school or vocational training curriculum. If an Understanding of the Parties for Continued Foster Care form, SFN 1781, is signed by the youth, payments may continue.~~

~~Continuation in foster care beyond age 18 must be with the express and informed written consent of the child, unless there is a valid court order in effect (DJS).~~

This section has been repealed.

623-05-35-05. College or Vocational School

~~The North Dakota foster care program philosophy encourages youth to stay in family foster care where there has been a relationship established, while they pursue college or vocational school. Foster care payments continue to the foster family at the prevailing age appropriate rate to be used for the youth's living expenses. This is available for our youth who have been in North Dakota family foster care a minimum of six months where a relationship has been established, and who have agreed to remain in the same family foster care home. Continuation in foster care must be with the youth's express and informed written consent and can be terminated at the youth's discretion. It is only~~

~~available while the youth continues a college or vocational school career. The foster care status terminates at the end of the youth's 20th year.~~

~~This policy is intended to allow youth to remain in foster care while pursuing educational goals and to allow youth the support of the foster family. It is intended as a continuation of their placement with the foster family and is not available to youth on the basis of re-entry to the foster care system after age 18.~~

~~The payment derived from the continuing foster care placement assists the youth in meeting monthly living expenses. The youth should apply for scholarships, grants, etc., as well as seek parental assistance, to cover tuition and other education related expenses.~~

~~When the placement is Interstate Compact from another state, arrangements for continuation and payment in family foster care, such as the above policy, must be made with the sending state.~~

This section has been repealed.

623-05-60-05. Understanding of the Parties for Continued Foster Care Services

~~The Understanding of the Parties for Continued Foster Care Services, SFN 1781, is to be used when the child in care turns 18 to give the agency the authority to continue to provide services and authorize payment for the child.~~

~~STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA~~
~~UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTIES FOR CONTINUED FOSTER CARE SERVICES~~

~~This is an understanding between the _____ ("Agency) and _____ ("Foster Child"), regarding the terms under which services and/or payments will be continued for the Foster Child. This Foster Child was placed in foster care via a court order on _____ at which time he/she was a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years. The Agency has provided foster care services including foster care payments for his/her care up until the present time. The Foster Child who is now an adult under the laws of the State of North Dakota will become twenty-one (21) years of age on _____. The rules and regulations of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, in conformity with the applicable Federal statutes and regulations, permit the Department of Human Services to continue foster care payments for the Foster child until he/she reaches the age of twenty-one (21).~~

~~The Foster child has agreed to comply with the supervision and the guidance of the foster parents for so long as the foster child resides with the foster parents. The Foster Child intends to continue pursuing an education.~~

~~The Agency will continue to provide foster care services including payments so long as the current placement continues with the foster parents and for so long as the conditions of the Agency and North Dakota Department of Human Services for the continued foster payments are met. The Agency will remain available to assist the foster parents and the Foster child if questions or problems should surface.~~

Foster Child _____ Date

Agency _____ Date

c: Agency Service File
— Agency Eligibility File
— Youth
— Foster Parent

Par. 2. **Effective Date** – January 15, 2012